

First Night Northampton 2009 Application Form

Welcome the new year with First Night Northampton 2009 as we gather to celebrate the performing arts at our city's signature event. We enjoy large audiences throughout the afternoon and evening and a family-friendly array of entertainment options at venues throughout downtown. First Night is produced by the Northampton Center for the Arts and is its most important fundraiser. Our 24th festival of the arts is filled with the talent and creativity that defines our community. We look forward to your proposal!

*Complete the application and submit with the requested support materials **no later than July 15th, 2008**. Please submit separate applications for each proposal. **Indicate if any artist is performing in more than one group.***

*All applications must include labeled support material in the form of a CD or DVD. **Proposals without support materials will not be reviewed.** Support materials will only be returned if you include a self-addressed envelope with sufficient postage.*

Artist/Group Name: _____ **Number in Group:** _____
Primary contact: _____
Phone (day): _____ **(evening):** _____
Address: _____
City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____
Email: _____ **Website:** _____

Categorize your work by discipline:

Music: _____ Dance: _____ Storytelling: _____
 Theater: _____ For children: _____ Other: _____

Age group appeal:

Children under 10 All ages

Would you describe yourself as a children's performer?

Yes No

Please provide a brief description of your act: (attach separate sheet if necessary)

TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS:

Please attach a tech sheet with this application and describe any special technical/staging requests. Please keep in mind that technical considerations are venue specific and limited.

AVAILABILITY on December 31, 2008:

Day (1-6 pm) Evening (6:30-11:30 pm) Either

Have you performed at previous FIRST NIGHT NORTHAMPTON celebrations?

Yes No What year(s)? _____

ABOUT FEES FOR FIRST NIGHT NORTHAMPTON:

First Night Northampton is a fundraiser for the Northampton Center for the Arts. It is not self-supporting. As a result, the artist fees that we negotiate are somewhat less than the “going rate” for other First Night celebrations (e.g., Hartford or Worcester). We are fortunate to have so much local talent participating in First Night Northampton. Many performers are community artists who receive no compensation apart from a complimentary First Night button. If you have previously performed in First Night Northampton, please specify your most recent fee: \$ _____

MINIMUM FEE REQUESTED:

\$ _____ for one 45-minute set \$ _____ for two 45-minute sets

Please note: Performers who receive fees do not receive complimentary buttons.

CHECKLIST:

- Completed application (no later than July 15th, 2008)
- Current support materials (CD or DVD)
- Tech sheet (sent by: regular mail or email)
- Biographical information (sent by: regular mail or email)
- Photograph suitable for publicity use (please note: we do not download photographs from websites) (sent by: regular mail or email)
- Self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want your support materials to be returned

SELECTION:

Please submit this application **no later than July 15th, 2008**. Please be patient. We work all summer to organize First Night and you will be notified of our decision by mid-September.

Thank you for your interest in First Night Northampton!

*Please mail to:
Northampton Center for the Arts
17 New South Street
Northampton, MA 01060*

*Technical requirements, biography and photograph (in jpeg form)
may be emailed to ncfa@nohoarts.org.*